

## ENGLISH

Over the next six weeks the children will be completing work examining fiction. Linking with our history topic, this will focus on exploring the classic stories found in 1001 Nights (also known as The Arabian Nights) which include Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and Aladdin. We will explore the role of the narrator and write diary entries exploring the thoughts and feelings of characters. We will look at the themes and settings within the stories as well as discussing how language is used in these particular traditional tales. The children will then write their own adventure stories in this style.

## MATHEMATICS

Year 6 will be revising their understanding of shape properties, angles and co-ordinates as well as translation and reflection. They will then complete further work to ensure they can accurately apply these methods to worded problems. Work involving money will also refresh the children's understanding of the number system and place value.

## ART AND DESIGN

After exploring the role of pattern and vegetal design in traditional Islamic art, the children will create their own plant-based sketches to be turned into repeated tile patterns. They will explore calligraphy and use printing techniques to create their final piece. A visit to the Jameel Gallery at the Victoria & Albert Museum will also take place to support their understanding.

## HISTORY

Our topic for this half term is early Islamic history. This focuses on Baghdad in the eighth and ninth centuries. We will uncover why Baghdad was built in its particular location and what it was like to live in the city at that time. We will also learn about architecture and clothing from the period and explore the medical and scientific learning which was taking place there.

## SCIENCE

Children will continue the excellent work which they began last half term on adaptation and evolution. They will now look in more detail at how palaeontologists and geologists use fossils and the geologic time scale to date and track evolutionary changes. Their work will also refer to human evolution and the work of geneticists.

## PE

In indoor PE the children will be creating and carrying out dance sequences as part of a group. Tag rugby will be the focus of their outdoor PE sessions, where they will improve the speed and accuracy of their passing and understand the key rules of the game before taking part in matches.

## RE

This unit of work focuses on the events of the first Easter Sunday. It will explore the importance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ to Christians. The ways in which Christian people may celebrate Easter today will also be studied.

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